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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, Applicants elect Species I ,
Claims 1-17 and 30-31, without traverse.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims
to additional species which are written in a dependent form or otherwise include all the
limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are
required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent
abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37
C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are
hereby authorized to be charged to our International Business Machines Corporation's deposit
account No. 09-0456 (IBM-Essex Junction).